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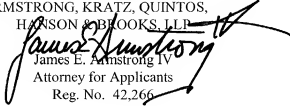
Sir:

Applicants submit that a copy of the Second Supplemental Amendment and the Communication to the Examiner transmittal filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 19, 2004, in the above captioned matter, was served by U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid, on the Requestor in the matter at the following address:

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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Further to the Supplemental Amendment filed on February 6, 2004 and the Amendment filed on February 4, 2004 in response to the Office Action dated **December 4, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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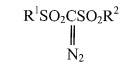
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

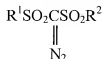
Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A [compound according to claim 4,] diazodisulfone compound of the formula:



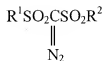
wherein R¹ is a branched alkyl group having 3 to 8 carbon atoms; and R² is a cyclic alkyl group having 3 to 8 carbon atoms.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A diazodisulfone compound of the formula;



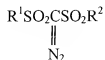
wherein R¹ is a cyclic alkyl group in which the alkyl group is hexyl; and R² is a cyclic alkyl group in which the alkyl group is hexyl.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A diazodisulfone compound of the formula;



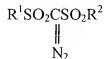
wherein R^1 is a branched alkyl group in which the alkyl group is butyl; and R^2 is a branched alkyl group in which the alkyl group is butyl.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A diazodisulfone compound of the formula:



wherein R^1 is cyclohexyl; and R^2 is cyclohexyl.

Claim 11 (New): A diazodisulfone compound of the formula:



wherein R^1 is a branched butyl; and R^2 is a branched butyl.

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REMARKS

Claims 7-10 and new claim 11 are pending in this application. Claim 7 has been allowed.

The claims have been amended this time by proper amendment format to comply with the Patent Office rules.

The applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

The remarks of the amendment filed on February 4, 2004 are incorporated herein.

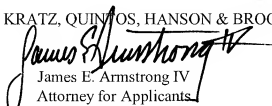
Applicants greatly appreciate the time of Examiner Dixon and Examiner Stockton concerning the explanation of proper amendment format in Reissue applications.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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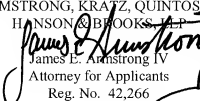
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Applicants respectfully submit herewith a duplicate copy of the Amendment along with the Certificate of Service filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 4, 2004 and the Supplemental Amendment, Amendment Fee Transmittal along with the Certificate of Service filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 6, 2004 with original signature.

The Examiner's assistance in addressing this matter is greatly appreciated.

No fees are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this paper to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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Enclosures: A duplicate copy of the Amendment and the Certificate of Service filed on Feb. 4, 2004
A duplicate copy of the Supplement Amendment, the Amendment Transmittal and the Certificate of Service filed on Feb. 6, 2004.



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